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November 27, 2007

The Honorable Marc Basnight President Pro Tempore North Carolina Senate Legislative Building, Room 2007 Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

The Honorable Joe Hackney Speaker of the House North Carolina House of Representatives Legislative Building, Room 2304 Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear Senator Basnight, Speaker Hackney, and Members of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations:

As you may know, the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) participates in the Equitable Sharing of Federally Forfeited Property Program with the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Treasury. The SBI is grateful for the availability of federal forfeiture funds to enhance our law enforcement capabilities. Your support of these important efforts is greatly appreciated.

As of November 9, 2007, the SBI Federal Forfeiture Fund had an unencumbered balance of \$1,004,614.90. The SBI reports its intent to use \$378,935.00 leaving a balance of \$625,679.90 in our asset forfeiture account.

Pursuant to applicable law, the SBI reports its intent to use federal forfeiture funds as listed on the following page.

Sincerely,

Robin P. Pendergraft

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Director





ITEM REQUESTED	AMOUNT
300 Digital Recorders, 300 Conference Mics (included), 300 Phone pickups, 300 1 Gig XD Cards, and 50 Disc Burners: House Bill 1626 (An act to provide that a custodial interrogation in a homicide case must be electronically recorded in its entirety) was passed by the North Carolina General Assembly in the summer of 2007. The NCSBI will be required by this new law to electronically record these interrogations and will need this equipment in order to meet the requirements of House Bill 1626.	\$156,150.00
Fifteen Olympus AS-4000 Transcription Kits (AS4000): (\$299.00 ea) Transcription kits will be used in conjunction with the Digital Recorders requested for field agents to transcribe, transmit and process investigative reports for criminal proceedings.	\$4,485.00
Criminal Investigative Analysis Program CIAP: (First year funding of a two year program) Successful completion of the Criminal Investigative Analysis Fellowship Program training by select SBI personnel will provide the SBI with another key resource for consultation on serious crimes that include serial and cold homicide cases. This expertise will be available to the SBI and local law enforcement to provide an analysis of serious crime to include statement analysis, threat assessment, crime scene reconstruction, equivocal death analysis, and assist with strategic media releases for additional leads, and computer-aided case linkage. Upon completion of this training, this expertise will also be a source for instruction to SBI and local major crimes investigators in the area of Criminal Investigative Analysis.	\$22,500.00
Two Telephone Systems: (\$22,000.00 each) Several of the current telephone systems across the SBI Field Division are in very poor condition and do not adequately meet the current demands. Additional lines and upgraded features are needed to ensure prompt return of service calls.	\$44,000.00
Utility/Laboratory Clothing with SBI Markings: SBI personnel routinely work in environments that require clothing with identification markings to provide clear identification as law enforcement or crime scene personnel.	\$26,800.00
1977 King Air C-90 Aircraft Maintenance and Repairs: Regularly scheduled maintenance and repairs are needed to ensure this 30 year old King Air C-90 aircraft meets aviation standards and safety inspections. Items needing replacement or service were identified during the last mandatory inspection.	\$125,000.00
GRAND TOTAL:	\$378,935.00